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AGREEMENT

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS */

(Revision 2, including the amendments entered into force on 16 October 1995)

Addendum 3: Regulation No. 4

Revision 1 - Amendment 2

Supplement 8 to the original version of the Regulation - Date of entry into force: 13 January 2000

UNIFORM PROVISIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF DEVICES FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF REAR REGISTRATION PLATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCEPT MOTOR CYCLES) AND THEIR TRAILERS

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*/ Former title of the Agreement:

Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958.

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Paragraph 4.4.1., footnote 1/, amend to read:

"1/ ... 32 for Latvia, 33 (vacant), 34 for Bulgaria, 35-36 (vacant), 37 for Turkey, 38-39 (vacant), 40 for The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 41 (vacant), 42 for the European Community (Approvals are granted by its Member States using their respective ECE symbol) and 43 for Japan. Subsequent numbers .... to the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the basis of these Prescriptions, and the numbers ... to the Agreement."

Add a new paragraph 4.6.5., to read:

"4.6.5. The approval marking shall be clearly legible and indelible. It may be placed on an inner or outer part (transparent or not) of the device which cannot be separated from the transparent part of the device emitting the light. In any case the marking shall be visible when the device is fitted on the vehicle or when a movable part such as the hood or boot lid or a door is opened."

Add a new paragraph 5.3. to read:

"5.3. For any rear registration plate illuminating device, except those equipped with filament lamp(s), the luminance values measured after one minute and after 30 minutes of operation shall comply with the minimum requirements.

The luminance distribution after one minute of operation can be calculated by applying at each test point the ratio of luminance values measured in one point after one minute and after 30 minutes of operation."

Insert a new paragraph 13., to read:

"13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

13.1. Rear registration plate illuminating devices not equipped with filament lamps.

13.1.1. As from the date of entry into force of Supplement 8, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant approvals under this Regulation as amended by Supplement 8.

13.1.2. As from 36 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 8, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approvals only if the type of devices as described in paragraph 13.1. above meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 8.

13.1.3. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

13.1.4. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant approvals to those types of devices as described in paragraph 13.1. above which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the preceding series of amendments during the 36 months' period which follows the date of entry into force of Supplement 8.

13.2. Fitting of rear registration plate illuminating devices described in paragraph 13.1. above on a vehicle.

13.2.1. As from the date of entry into force of Supplement 8, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall prohibit the fitting on a vehicle of devices described in paragraph 13.1. above approved under this Regulation as amended by Supplement 8.

13.2.2. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to allow the fitting on a vehicle of devices described in paragraph 13.1. above approved to this Regulation as amended by the preceding series of amendments during the 48 months' period which follows the date of entry into force of Supplement 8.

13.2.3. Upon the expiration of a period of 48 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 8, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may prohibit the fitting of devices described in paragraph 13.1. above which do not meet the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 8 on a new vehicle for which type approval or individual approval was granted more than 24 months after the entry into force of Supplement 8 to this Regulation.

14.2.4. Upon expiration of a period of 60 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 8, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may prohibit the fitting of devices as described in paragraph 13.1. above which do not meet the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 8 on a new vehicle first registered more than 60 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 8 to this Regulation."

Paragraph 13. (former), renumber as paragraph 14.